THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

WALIA SHANTI THOMAS,)	
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Plaintiff)	
)	
VS.)	CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.:
)	
KILOLO KIJAKAZI, Acting)	
COMMISSIONER OF)	
SOCIAL SECURITY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Walia Shanti Thomas, hereinafter referred to as Plaintiff, by and through her attorney, John V. Hogan, and brings this action against the Defendant as captioned, and respectfully shows:

1.

Plaintiff is a citizen of the United States of America and a current resident of Cobb County, Georgia.

2.

Defendant is the (Acting) Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.

3.

Jurisdiction of this Court is evoked under Section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, as amended, (Section 405(g) of Title 42 of the United States Code) this being an action authorized by law for review of Defendant's final administrative decision denying Plaintiff disability benefits under the Social Security Act, as amended.

4.

Plaintiff applied for disability benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act by way of application filed October 26, 2020.

5.

Plaintiff alleged an onset of disability as of March 14, 2020.

6.

Plaintiff has not been engaged in substantial gainful activity at any time subsequent to her alleged onset date.

7.

Plaintiff met the insured status requirements for entitlement to disability benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act as of the alleged onset date and through the date of the administrative law judge decision.

8.

Plaintiff shows that at all times from the alleged onset date, she was under a disability as defined in sections 216(i) and 223(d) of the Social Security Act, as amended [42 U.S.C. §§ 426(i) and 423(d)]. Plaintiff was disabled due to severe medically determinable impairments including degenerative disc disease, degenerative joint disease and obesity.

9.

Plaintiff's aforesaid application was denied at the initial and reconsideration levels.

After an administrative law judge hearing, a written decision was issued September 16, 2022, denying the claim. This decision is identified as **BNC**# **21AB146J76684**.

10.

Appeals council review was requested and denied by way of notice dated April 28, 2023.

Said decision is the final administrative determination of the Defendant.

11.

Defendant's decision is not supported by substantial evidence.

12.

Defendant's decision is based upon errors of law.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests:

- (a) That this Court find there was not substantial evidence to support Defendant's decision that Plaintiff was not disabled, and reverse said decision;
- (b) That this Court find Defendant's decision that Plaintiff was not disabled is based upon error of law and reverse said decision; and
- (c) That this Court grant such other and further relief as appears just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of May 2023.

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